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FROM [REDACTED] FROM B/G BEVAN

REFS: A. [REDACTED]

B. ALL OTHER ASSOCIATED CABLES

1. I GUESS THE WORST WAY TO TRY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON A VERY COMPLICATED PROBLEM IS BY CABLE. WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT IF WE HAD A TELEPHONE, I THINK I COULD EXPLAIN TO YOU SOME OF THE THINGS TO BOTH OF OUR MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITHIN ABOUT TWO MINUTES. WHILE I DO NOT FEEL THAT THIS CABLE WILL, BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, SETTLE THINGS, IT WILL BE THE LAST CABLE ON THIS SUBJECT. WHEN I SEE YOU NEXT, WE CAN DISCUSS IT THEN.

2. FIRST OF ALL, THE TAKE ARRIVED AT NPIC IN ABOUT THE AVERAGE TIME THAT WE HAD EXPECTED. IN OTHER WORDS, BEFORE

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TO [THE MISSION TOOK OFF, I HAD PROMISED DELIVERY OF THE FILM TO NPIC IN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND, THEREFORE, OUTSIDE OF THE [] ETC. CHANNELS, EVERYBODY IN WASHINGTON IS PLEASED WITH THE TOTAL MISSION INCLUDING TAKE DELIVERY TIME.

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3. YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN TAKE MOVEMENT SINCE YOU HAVE JOINED THIS ORGANIZATION. I HAVE. I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THIS BATTLE FOR THREE YEARS NOW. EVERY TIME WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT MISSION, SCOPE SHIELD, ETC., IT HAS BEEN ONE BIG HASSLE MAINLY BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED EACH MAKING SEMI-INDEPENDENT JUDGMENTS. BELIEVE ME, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECREATE WHAT HAPPENED. ALL WE CAN TRY TO DO IS TO MAKE EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND TRY TO

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GET THEM TO DO THEIR BEST. IN CONNECTION WITH THE [] MISSION, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO SEEMED TO BE SENDING OUT MESSAGES ON [] WERE [] WHILE WE HAD BEEN ADVISED TO SAY

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IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO TRY TO EXPLAIN ALL OF IT. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE SOME OF THE PEOPLE AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT RELAXED ON THIS ONE. LONG BEFORE [REDACTED] WAS SENT TO YOU, I HAD BEEN HAVING SOME PRETTY HOT SESSIONS WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE BOTH HERE AND IN THE PENTAGON. AS I INDICATED ABOVE, THERE IS OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH WHAT OCCURRED. THERE WAS A YEOMAN JOB BY THE COURIERS.

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4. THERE IS ONLY ONE POINT WITH WHICH I DISAGREE AND YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND. OSA HAS THE ONLY AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR TOTAL TAKE MOVEMENT. [REDACTED] HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY OTHER THAN WHAT I TASK THEM TO DO. THE SAME GOES FOR SAC. I KNOW WHAT THE WORDS IN THE SAC FRAG SAY BUT THAT ISN'T WHAT [REDACTED] LETTER SAYS. WHILE I HAVE NO

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TO [
 OBJECTION TO SAC BEING INFORMED ON WHAT'S GOING ON, ON A
 ROUTINE BASIS, WHEN WE ARE DISCUSSING IN CABLES SOMETHING THAT
 MIGHT HAVE GONE ON, I INSIST THAT I HAVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY
 TO DEAL WITH SAC ON THIS SUBJECT AS I SEE FIT. AS IT SO HAPPENS
 ALL OF THE PROBLEMS, WITH CINC, EUR, USAF, MAC, AND EVERYBODY
 ELSE, CAN BE SOLVED HERE IN WASHINGTON AND NEW INSTRUCTIONS
 ARE BEING WORKED OUT.

5. I APOLOGIZE FOR A MISUNDERSTANDING BY ALL OF THE CABLES
 BUT INSIST THAT IT NOT BE DISCUSSED ANY MORE OTHER THAN THE
 SPECIFIC ACTION CABLES ON THE SUBJECT AND SUGGEST THAT YOU
 FORGET THE WHOLE MATTER AND I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU LATER. IT
 APPEARS THAT MY PROPHECY IN PARA 4 OF [] HAS COME TRUE
 FOR BOTH OF US.

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6. NEW SUBJECT: IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS BUSINESS, I HAVE
 MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAC SO THAT [] CAN BE

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CONSIDERED AN APPROVED OL COMMANDER AND HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT YOU CAN BE HOME IN TIME FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S WEDDING. I HAD WORRIED FOR A WHILE THAT SAC MIGHT NOT ACCEPT A L/C AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO GET INTO A BIG HASSLE. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. GEN SITTON HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT [REDACTED] AND, FURTHERMORE, [REDACTED] WENT TO THE ORIGINAL MEETING, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO GO TO OMAHA FOR THE INTERVIEW AS YOU DID. [REDACTED] TELLS ME THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING [REDACTED] ON OR ABOUT 3 JUNE. HE'S GOING TO COME HERE FIRST BECAUSE I WANT TO TALK TO HIM THEN HE IS GOING TO [REDACTED] SO THAT HE CAN MEET [REDACTED] AND THE PEOPLE IN THE JACKSON OFFICE. THIS MEANS HE'LL PROBABLY BE GETTING TO [REDACTED] LATER IN THE WEEK. THEN DEPENDING ON HOW MANY DAYS OVERLAP YOU WANT, THAT SHOULD ALLOW YOU TO DEPART SO THAT YOU ARRIVE BACK

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AT [] BY ABOUT THE 15TH OF JUNE - WHICH WILL GIVE YOU
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